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SUBJECT: MTN: ARTICLE 113 DISCUSSION ON MARCH 10

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 4554, (B) BRUSSELS 4527

1. PERMREP SOURCES INFORM US THAT ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE  
HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON MARCH 10 OPENED WITH A BRIEFING  
FROM DIRECTORS GENERAL DENMAN AND RABOT ON WASHINGTON  
DISCUSSIONS MARCH 7 AND 8. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE,  
DENMAN CHARACTERIZED THE WASHINGTON SESSION AS A POLITICAL  
EXERCISE TO MAKE THE EC POSITION CLEAR, PARTICULARLY ON  
SELECTIVE SAFEGUARDS AND THE FACT THAT THE US TARIFF  
OFFER WAS UNSATISFACTORY IN PART. DENMAN REPORTEDLY  
STATED THAT COMMISSION HAD NOT ANTICIPATED SUBSTANTIVE  
PROGRESS AT THE WASHINGTON MEETINGS, BEYOND MAKING  
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THESE POLITICAL POINTS. ON AGRICULTURE, RABOT EX-  
PRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM ON DAIRY, WHERE THE U.S.  
APPEARED MORE PRONE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE  
NEGOTIATION, AND ON GRAINS, WHERE HE THOUGHT A MEETING  
OF THE MINDS WAS EVENTUALLY POSSIBLE. ONE SOURCE  
ADDED THAT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE FRENCH  
ON PRECISELY WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON GRAINS,

RABOT WAS HIGHLY IMPRECISE.

2. REST OF MTN DISCUSSION WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO A FURTHER EFFORT AT ASSESSING THE US, JAPAN, AND CANADA TARIFF OFFER. MARCH 10 MEETING DID NOT DISCUSS PRODUCTS BUT ONLY TACTICS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CURRENT EC SCHEDULE CALLS FOR FURTHER DEPUTIES. MEETINGS WEEK OF MARCH 13 WITH A HIGH-LEVEL 113 MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17 AND A COREPER MEETING ON MARCH 22 PREPARATORY TO DISCUSSION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. COUNCIL ON APRIL 3-4. EC IS CONTINUING ALONG THE TWO-TRACK SESSION MENTIONED IN REF B. ONE SOURCE THOUGHT THAT BY MARCH 17, A SPECIFIC LIST OF PRODUCTS ON WHICH IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE REQUESTED OF THE US WOULD BE APPROVED. HE THOUGHT THAT A WITHDRAWAL LIST, FOR SUBSEQUENT USE, WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE FINALIZED UNTIL LATER. ON OTHER HAND, A COMMISSION SOURCE TELLS US THAT COMMISSION IS HOPEFUL THAT WITHDRAWAL LIST WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED AND APPROVED BY MEMBER STATES ON MARCH 17. MORRIS

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